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associated with a subscriber and [for storing] a subscriber [remote] telephone number associated with the subscriber telephone station;

first telephone connection means connected to the control means and operable for connecting [to a] through a trunk line to the telephone exchange and for receiving an incoming direct inward dial telephone number on the trunk line from the telephone exchange as part of an incoming call attempt from the subscriber telephone station, the incoming direct inward dial telephone number indicating the number called by the subscriber;

second telephone connection means connected to the control means and operable for dialing out through the telephone exchange;

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the control means further operable for comparing the incoming direct inward dial telephone number to the preassigned [local] direct inward dial telephone number and, if the incoming direct inward dial telephone number matches the preassigned [local] direct inward dial telephone number associated with the subscriber, the control means is further operable for:

calling the subscriber remote telephone number through the first telephone connection means after the subscriber terminates the incoming call attempt and connecting to the subscriber telephone station;

receiving from the subscriber a calling telephone number for the destination station;

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calling the calling telephone number through the second telephone connection means; and for

bridging the first telephone connection means to the second telephone connection means so that the subscriber is connected to the destination.

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19. [Once Amended] The system according to claim 18 wherein the control means is further operable for indicating an invalid call attempt if the incoming call attempt does not terminate within a [the] predetermined period of time.

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4 21. [Once Amended] The system according to claim 18 wherein the control means is further operable for indicating an invalid call attempt if the incoming direct inward dial telephone number does not match the preassigned [local] direct inward dial telephone number associated with the subscriber.

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6 23. [Once Amended] A method establishing a telephone communication link between a subscriber telephone station and a destination telephone station, both being connected through a telephone exchange, comprising the steps of:

storing a preassigned [local] direct inward dial telephone number associated with a subscriber;

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storing a subscriber remote telephone number associated with the subscriber telephone station;

receiving an incoming direct inward dial telephone number from a first telephone exchange connection as part of an incoming call attempt from the subscriber telephone station;

comparing the incoming direct inward dial telephone number to the preassigned [local] direct inward dial telephone number and if the incoming direct inward dial telephone number matches the preassigned [local] direct inward dial telephone number associated with the subscriber, performing the following steps:

calling the subscriber remote telephone number after the subscriber terminates the call attempt and connecting to the subscriber telephone station;

receiving from the subscriber a calling telephone number for the destination station;

calling the calling telephone number through a second telephone exchange connection; and

bridging the first telephone exchange connection to the second telephone exchange connection so that the subscriber is connected to the destination.

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